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Chairman: Councillor Mr. Tony Horry
Colin Hill, Clerk

Minutes of the Kewstoke Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall on October 7th 2013

Present: Councillors T Horry (Chairman) J MacDonald (Vice-Chairman), K Harper, T Horry, C Thomas, D Jolley, R Adams C Bates, T Morris and N Whyte
Clerk Colin Hill
Cllr Ian Porter Unitary Member
Nicola Slaterley Police

Public Participation (15 minutes)

None

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened at 7-04pm

2. Apologies for Absence

Sue Ivermee Liaison Officer

3. Declarations of Interests

None

Council agreed to bring forward item 5b other issues in relation to the boundary changes as Cllr Porter had to leave the meeting to attend to urgent business

Cllr Porter explained that the recommendations from the Boundary Commission was for Kewstoke to be part of a two Councillor ward of some 7,500 residents . He was unhappy with this situation as was the Parish following a discussion on the subject. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would draft up a response to the Commission making the case for a single member rural ward.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 2nd 2013.

These were adopted with no changes

4a. Police Report PACT

PSCO Nicola Mitchell gave the report

There were 47 calls for the monthly period of which 20 were crime related. There were 2 thefts, 2 burglaries, 2 assaults and 1 rape. No details were available on the rape issue. The rest were the usual Cygnet issues some minor traffic and miscellaneous calls.

The usual problems of parking outside the school had become an issue again .

PSCO Mitchell asked if she could hold a monthly beat surgery. After some discussion it was felt the best time could be when the Tuesday Club met. A contact number will be forwarded.

A question and answer session followed which related to previous accidents and noise issues as well as the possibility of bringing back Speedwatch. Nicola will write a piece for the newsletter about speedwatch.

5. Matters Arising as a Matter of Report

a. Public Participation not agenda items-

None

b. Highway Issues

Flooding Outside Village Hall/Car Park/Sand Road Junction

This will be raised with a Director at a meeting on Monday 14th October.

Water Run Lower Norton Lane

Resolved

Crookes Lane/Beach Road Sand build up

Cllr Bates considered this still to be an issue however the Clerk had taken a NSDC officer to see and the Officer considered it very low key. A discussion took place on the merits of the junction with some considering action necessary and some not. It was decided when an area Office is appointed he or she would be informed for a judgement.

Bus stop (ex Public Participation last month)

The Clerk has been informed the drawings are still in the preparation stage.

Collum Lane Road Junction

The Clerk had not received a reply at the present time

Hawke Road

The Clerk has reported the road but had not received any reply.

Cllr Whyte would make this an issue with NSDC as the road was now in a poor state

c. Other Issue

Commodore Lower Car Park

This issue was raised at the Sand Bay Management committee meeting as the fly tipping of asbestos rubbish and building material has been there for some time. An Officer visited the site with the Clerk. The Officer with a small budget will attempt to cut down all the vegetation apart from the large tree so that the car park can be seen from the main car park above, hopefully this will deter the fly-tippers. When the work will be done was not known.

New Proposed NSDC Ward Boundaries

Already discussed earlier in the meeting

Resident report to social services (ex Public Participation last month)

Social services has been informed and the Parish can not have a further part to play at this stage

Mysterious Holes in Beach

Several mysterious holes had been dug overnight on the environment side of the footpath on the seashore. The first was some 2feet deep and 4ftby 2ft wide The hole was opposite no 24 beach road area. A second hole smaller was dug the next day. Cllr Horry filled in the first and A. Ham the second. No further holes have been dug? A discussion took place but no evidence was available on who was responsible. The situation would be monitored

6. Toilets

Working Party Report

The Clerk's report to Councillors outlined the process which had been followed. The toilets were now shut and would remain so over the winter period.

A meeting is to be held on the 14th Oct with NSDC Officers to attempt to finalise the project of a Kiosk and pay to enter toilets. The Clerk and the Chairman were trying to modify a lease agreement to suit the concession and other legal tasks needed to be completed. The Clerk warned Councillors of the impending legal costs to the Parish which he believed would "eat up" the contingency fund. The Clerk was also concerned about the time scale of getting everything in place for an April 2014 start.

The Council unanimously resolved to support the Working Group in trying to keep a toilet block operational in Kewstoke

7. Correspondence

Southern Area Committee Papers September

Street Scene Article

The streetscene article related to the new styles and bridges installed on the Woodspring Priory to Sand Lane footpath. The article would be an item for the newsletter.

8. Office Copier

The issue has not been progressed due to other more important business

9. Financial Update:

9a Cheques for Approval

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| Clerks Salary | £ 216.25 |
| Inland Revenue | £ 54.00 |
| Clerks Expenses | £ 54.98 |
| B Thorne | £ 362.26 |
| S Ryall (Beach Warden) | £ 173.98 |
| A Ham | £1,131.00 |
| Bailey Streetscene | £1,380.00 |
| Grant Thornton (external Audit) | £ 360.00 |
| Signtech | £ 82.80 |
| S.E.C. | £ 289.31 |
| EDF | £ 973.50 |
| Village Hall | £194.00 |

Paid in

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| Church donation | £ 500.00 |
| Seat Donation | £1,200.00 |
| A.O.N | £ 5.59 |

Unanimously agreed

9b Annual Return completed

The Clerk reported the external auditor report process had been completed

10. Newsletter

Items for the newsletter should be with Cllr Pearson by the 1st November

11. Children s Christmas Party

The party date is the 21st December.2013 Cllr Whyte and Bates will be the main Organisers. Cllr Adams will contact Father Christmas and the Clerk will contact the magician

12.Web- Site

During the month a disgruntled resident had complained to the Clerk that he was unable to follow Council business and it was bad practice quoting the IPC as a example. The Chairman and Clerk have been trying to get up and running the new website

The Clerk had explained to the resident that it was a question of other workloads which had taken priority. Because of some of the points raised by the residents he had sent him a years minutes of both meetings

A discussion took place and it was not voted on but some Councillors were prepared not to have a website but continue with the newsletter. It was acknowledged that websites are very time consuming and there was no voluntary appetite in the Council to run one. The Clerk was of the opinion that the present workload would mean the earliest he could give it major attention was the new year, The new website which has not been launched is <http://kewstokevillage.com>

13. Councillors Reports

Cllr Harper reported that the Church footpath was in need of a strim. Clerk will report.

Cllr Vearncombe reported the allotment steps were becoming a little dangerous and he would erect a side rail for the allotment holders to hold onto while descending.

Cllr Jolley raised the issue of the pot holes along Lower Norton lane from Home Farm corner to the Sand Road junction on Lower Norton Lane. Clerk will report

Cllr Thomas asked if there would be a replacement light where the sawn off broken light was on Monks Hill. Clerk will inquire of SEC

Cllr MacDonald was unsure if anything could be done but two cars were now regularly parking on a bend on Crookes Lane close to the Sun Valley caravan site and he believed the owners were residents there. It seemed strange as there is ample car parking on the site. Clerk will ask PSCO Mitchell to Investigate

Cllr Morris reported that a static caravan had been position in the garden of a home next to Karabu Lower Norton Lane and was from information gleaned an attempt to be permanent residency. Clerk will inform Enforcement.

Cllr Morris raised the issue that there was now no sign indicating Crookes Lane from its junction with Kewstoke Road. An attempt to find the old one has now been abandoned.

Can a new one be installed?

Clerk will inform NSDC

11. Date of next Meeting Monday 4th November 2013